

What is the Veterans Conservation Corps?

The primary mission of the Veterans Conservation Corps is to assist veterans by providing volunteer opportunities on natural resources restoration projects that help protect and restore Washington's watersheds (rivers, streams, lakes, marine waters, forests and open lands).

Who Can Participate?

Veterans coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or other effects from their war-time experiences are eligible. Veterans who choose to participate will be added to the Veterans Conservation Corps list and in return veterans will have an opportunity to help the environment, contribute to the community and earn valuable job skills in the environmental field.

This would be a great opportunity for veterans returning to school or work as an internship, an apprenticeship, VA work-study participant, or as a volunteer. Participants will earn valuable work experience that would enhance a resume, provide excellent work references and in some cases college credits.

1-800-562-2308

Are Other Organizations/Agencies Partnering With the Veterans Conservation Corps?

The Veterans Conservation Corps is organized by a program coordinator at the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). Other WDVA staff and Federal VA Staff assist with referrals.



WDVA works closely with the following organizations/agencies to identify projects where veteran participation is most beneficial:

- ◆ Salmon Recovery Funding Board
- ◆ Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation
- ◆ Department of Natural Resources
- ◆ Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ◆ Tribal Agencies
- ◆ State Parks and Recreation Commission
- ◆ Private Non-Profit Habitat Projects
- ◆ Conservation Districts
- ◆ Stream Team/stewards
- ◆ Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups
- ◆ Community Colleges
- ◆ City & County Governments

Who Can I Call for More Information?

Contact Mark Fischer at **1-800-562-2308** / 360-725-2224 / or markf@dva.wa.gov. You can also fill out the application on the back of this brochure and send it to Mark Fischer, WDVA, PO Box 41155, Olympia, WA 98504-1155. Or contact your local WDVA Post Traumatic Stress Disorder contract counselor or other WDVA offices. A list of PTSD Counselors is available on our web site at: www.dva.wa.gov. Click on PTSD under Benefits.

VCC Field Coordinators

- Thurston/Lewis/Mason Counties
Barry Lawrence 360-870-4397 or wa_natureguy@yahoo.com
- Clallam/Jefferson Counties
Ed Bowen 360-452-8008.
- Vancouver, WA
Doug Robberson 360-909-2999.
- Skagit/Whatcom/Snohomish Counties
Gordy Graham 425-609-0107.
- Tri-Cities area
Fred Bradley 509-586-7384.
- Spokane, WA
Seth Maier 509-869-4236.



What Type of Work Does the Veterans Conservation Corps Do?

The Veterans Conservation Corps provides volunteer assistance on habitat restoration and protection projects by conducting hands-on work on any or all of the following activities:

- ◆ Stream Restoration & Monitoring
- ◆ Environmental or Community Education
- ◆ Re-Vegetation of native plants
- ◆ Restoration of watersheds, forest's, prairies or native grasslands
- ◆ Removal of invasive plants
- ◆ Accessible trail building or maintenance
- ◆ Various Protection or Restoration Activities/events
- ◆ Outdoor Labor
- ◆ Office or Clerical Duties

Read about volunteer opportunities on the VCC web page at: www.dva.wa.gov/veterans_conservation_corps.htm

Application to Volunteer for Salmon Restoration Projects

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Or other contact information: _____

Volunteer job interest: _____

Mail or bring to:

Mark Fischer * WDVA
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Olympia, WA 98504-1155

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